

21. DISCRETIONARY FUND UPDATE AND NEW REQUESTS

Following decisions made in the previous term there was now a balance of \$18,805 in the Board's 1998/99 Discretionary Fund.

Three requests were given consideration by the Board; one, being the "South Hornby Preschool Operating Grant" request, is reported on in the Public Exclusion section of the Board report.

To continue its support for Neighbourhood Week 1999 the Board **resolved** to allocate \$1,000 for local grants.

The third request related to Christmas lights. Four existing sites have been decorated:

- Corner Main South Road and Greenhurst Street, Sockburn
- Rattrays corner at Shands/Main South Roads
- Church Corner
- Mandeville Reserve on the Mandeville Street/Riccarton Road corner

The Board **resolved** to allocate \$1,170 to continue these.

A further request for financial assistance had been received from residents of the Westlake area. Over the past few years residents had decorated their homes and gardens and this area had become a "showcase" which had attracted people (citywide) to view them.

The residents had requested the Board to provide a Christmas tree with appropriate decorations.

The Area Parks Officer had had discussions with residents and an electrical contractor. A total cost of \$4,200 was required to undertake this work and the recommendation was for this to be supported, with funding from the discretionary fund.

The majority of members were supportive of the Board either meeting the cost or sourcing the funding. A contrary view was for a 50% contribution only.

The Board **decided** to seek funds in the sum of \$4,200 from the Council's Leisure Unit (and not from its discretionary funds). This was **carried** on a Division No 1; the voting being

In favour (7) David Buist, Mary Corbett, Bob Shearing,
Helen Broughton, Paddy Austin, Alison Wilkie and
Neville Bennett

Against (2) Ishwar Ganda and Mike Mora